

**16. Iowa Pet Breeders
Association Panel -
PowerPoint presentation by
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No.

This is who we *really* are...



Joe Gerst Family





This is what we do...





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Legitimate Profession With Big Economic Impact

- Families
- Veterinarians
- Dog Food Companies
- Supply and Equipment Companies
- Pet Stores
- Groomers
- Boarders
- Trainers
- ... many more.

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Licensing

- USDA
 - More than three breeding females
 - Sells puppies for resale
- State
 - More than three breeding dogs
 - Sells only to individual households



USDA Licensing Procedure

1. Apply for pre-licensing inspection
2. License is issued if compliant with animal welfare regulations
3. Unannounced inspections of licensed facilities occur about once a year on average
4. Problematic facilities are to be inspected more often



Substandard Facilities

- Iowa Pet Breeders Association and the Iowa Federation of Animal Owners have **publically condemned substandard facilities** and will continue to do so.



Reasonable Legislation

- Address concerns of the public
- Protect compliant facilities from oppressive regulations and harassment



Reasonable Legislation

- IDALS may go into a USDA facility if there is a direct animal care non-compliant item on the facility's USDA inspection report; or
- If there has been an eye-witnessed complaint of a direct animal care violation verified by written affidavit.



Reasonable Legislation

- IDALS inspections shall be done under USDA regulations.
- USDA facilities maintain a USDA exemption in Iowa Code once they are back in compliance.
- IDALS inspectors will be Iowa state employees, not contracted to other entities.



Reasonable Legislation

- All facilities regulated under Chapter 162 shall obtain continuing education requirements if found to have violations involving direct animal care on inspection reports.
- If the intent of this legislation is truly ensuring animal welfare, **all** licensed and regulated facilities shall be included.



Conclusion

- We encourage legislators to pass into law our proposed solutions.
- We also encourage IDALS to seek out and inspect the many unlicensed facilities endangering animals in Iowa.

